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EYE GUIDE TO LOCAL CHEMICAL SIGHTS.

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TOO EARLY

An EYE reader was astonished to see the young man in front of him in the STALYBRIDGE DOLE OFFICE torn off a strip by the Clerk behind the counter, *for being half an hour early!* The bemused youth was treated to a terrible tongue-lashing by the Clerk along the lines of what did he think he was doing, fouling up the orderly queues?? And just to finish off with a flourish, the Clerk wondered if he had signed on early because he was rushing off to a job. A what?

WRIGGLING

ROBERT WRIGLEY, much liquidated Mossley businessman, was due in court on Feb to explain why he had failed to remove his dormer on Arundel St. Mossley, as ordered by the Dept. of the Environment last year, However the case had to be adjourned because ROBERT's solicitors DEVINE & CO. of Stockport said that the man himself would be 'out of the country' on that date. It's odd that many Mossley citizens are convinced that they saw the dormer king parked outside his video shop on that very day.
Followers of the 'Wrigley Saga' will be astonished to learn that ROBERT had pleaded 'not guilty' to the charge of failing to remove the Arundel St. dormer, and has put in yet another appeal, this time against the planners refusal to allow him to do a 'tarting up' operation on it.

VERRUCAS

OUCH ! If you see PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER, IAN WILSON, hobbling around, it's because of the nasty verrucas in his feet. IAN reckons he picked them up at SIDS, the trendy STALYBRIDGE Sports-Spot, where he plays his favourite game of squash, though who can tell ?
Nonetheless, and as a precaution, EYE advises the new SIDS boss, TOM SHELDON, to take extra special care in his kitchens, even though they are undoubtedly already quite spotless. After all, TOM wouldn't want to give IAN's fellow HEALTH Officers an excuse for a "revenge" raid, now would he?

SINFULLY WRONG

THE ADVERTISER's star scribbler, one RICHARD JACKSON, has committed a major boob with one of his latest front page flights of fancy. The offending item was entitled "LIVING IN SIN IN COUNCIL HOUSES! " and implied that TAMESIDE were about to encourage "unmarried couples" to "live in sin" in COUNCIL houses. Whatever you think about the topic, just bear in mind that JACKSON had got it *completely wrong!* HOUSING CHAIRMAN, Cllr. PETER BAILEY went storming round and, sure enough, his angry letter correcting the JACKSON nonsense was printed a rather tardy fortnight later.

BOMB SCARE

Poor DR. ALAN CHITTY, new PRINCIPAL at TAMESIDE COLLEGE. It was all going so well: the MAYOR was there, along with other local worthies; the COLLEGE caterers were laying on the nosh; it was a prestigious REGIONAL meeting, with people from all over the NORTH WEST coming to *his* COLLEGE. And then, in the middle of the meal, *there was a lousy bomb scare!*
Leaving the ambitious ALAN CHITTY very red-faced. But who could have wanted to disrupt the meeting? Perhaps it was one of CHITTY's equally pushy MANCHESTER friends, who he left behind to run our local HALL of LEARNING??

FATAL YOP

Just how many young people in TAMESIDE are injured whilst on a Government-funded youth 'training' scheme ?
Following recent revelations in the national press that at least six young people were *killed* and hundreds injured in accidents on last years YOP schemes (Youth Opportunities Programme) a TAMESIDE Council officer was asked by councillors to get the full facts.
But the Government bureaucracy in- in charge, the MANPOWER SERVICES COMMISSION, has refused to make the figures available to the public. The offical COMMISSION line is that as there were no more deaths or maimings than usually take place in industry, there's no need for concern.
In the next year, TAMESIDE COUNCIL will be providing places for about 1,500 YOP 'trainees', all of whom will be taking home less than £30 for their pains.

NO SCORE

STALYBRIDGE CELTIC Football Club urgently need a Publicity Manager, judging by their entry in last year's ROTHMAN's F.A. NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL YEARBOOK. For it lists the "Covered seating capacity" as "0,000" ! They've also got the phone number wrong for the REPORTER and don't appear to have had any "leading goalscorers" in the previous season. Naturally, there's a blank space opposite the "Press Officer" entry. ROTHMAN's do reveal one important fact, however: CELTIC's "Record Attendance" was when 13,000 people turned up to watch them play against KICK KERR'S LADIES XI.

NO DOCKING

If you work on the till at a petrol station, take heart! TEXACO have just refunded over £100 which it had deducted from a cashier's wages at one of its SUPREME Petrol Stations. Over 4 years ago, in EYE 3, we exposed the practice of docking pay for till shortages at what was then the HERON Station at MOTTRAM. Now a cashier from North LONDON, SIMON CUTMORE, has issued, with the help of the local Law Centre, a summons to TEXACO claiming this "docking" was illegal under the 1896 Truck Act and the 1977 Unfair Contract Act.
TEXACO quickly stumped up the £100 and his legal costs in an out-of-court settlement.

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SCAPEGOATS & MOLES

JUST WHO IS THE TAMESIDE EYE "MOLE" BURYING DEEP INSIDE THE TOWN HALL? WHEN UPRIGHT COUNCILLORS COMPLAINED LONG AND LOUD AT LAST MONTH'S PLANNING MEETING ABOUT EYE PRINTING THE DETAILS OF ONE OF THEIR SECRET REPORTS, THEY MUST HAVE REALISED THAT A LOT OF EGG WAS ABOUT TO APPEAR ON MANY FACES...

Cllr. JIMMY EASON bleated:"The article even mentions names. It's terrible".

Now if the good Cllr. was talking about the way the offending EYE article was written, there would be nothing to worry about.
But he wasn't. He was concerned that EYE had told the world what was happening at the ROACHES reclamation site in MOSSLEY.
But now, because the matter was not discussed in public, the damage has been done.

Behind closed doors", WRECKREATION BOSS, TED NEIGHBOUR, was able to sack IAN MAY from the COUNCIL's LANDSCAPE DESIGN SECTION.

As EYE predicted, he was made a scapegoat for the overall failings of his supposed superiors.
And now COUNCILLORS are faced with a NALGO ballot of all its members on whether to strike to get IAN MAY reinstated. As we go to press, the mood is very much in favour of taking such serious action.
All of which will put Labour Leader ROY OLDHAM in a tricky situation, one which he is unlikely to be able to win. If he orders MAY's reinstatement, he'll be accused of bowing to huge union pressure. If it gets as far as a strike, he'll be put in the traditional Employer role, which goes against the Labour grain.
And this is the second time in a year that TED NEIGHBOUR has dismissed a WRECKREATION member of staff without using the full agreed Disciplinary Procedure.
NALGO has stated that: "The union is nothing unless an injury to one member is regarded as an injury to all". If they let NEIGHBOUR get away with his scapegoating, the credibility of NALGO, never high, will vanish without trace.

APATHY

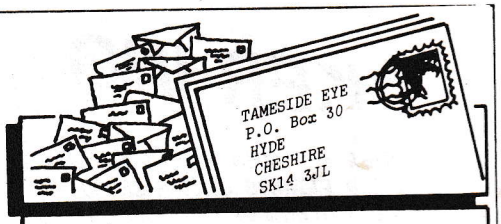
Faced with the loss of Millions of ££££, if the worst parts of the GOVERNMENT's latest attempt to alter the law surrounding grants for public transport are successful, GREATER MANCHESTER COUNCILLORS have been energetically conducting a campaign to "Keep Local Transport Local". Unfortunately the message hasn't reached everyone.
A recent petition signing session in ASHTON BUS STATION showed distinct signs of Trades Union apathy towards the campaign: nobody but the COUNCILLORS turned up.

PHIL & BARRY

Old EYE favourites, PHIL JAY (of AUTOBAHN fame), and GEORGE BARRY SHEPHERD (of GBS 500 reknown), have surfaced again. PHIL JAY is still pursuing the pot at the end of his rainbow by selling cheaper imported cars, whilst it seems that BARRY has switched his attentions to selling advertising space that is somehow connected with computers.

HASTE

Surely it can't be true that in the haste to get into NORWEB's spanking new premises on OLDHAM ROAD in ASHTON, someone forgot to provide adequate storage space? We would be very interested to know what was in the BEATWASTE trucks seen in the vicinity of the old NORWEB depot on TAME STREET, STALYBRIDGE, around the time of the big move...



LETTERS

OUTSPOKEN

Dear EYE,
At one time, perhaps if you looked in your past publications, I was somewhat into your rather strong left-wing approach. But I still could not be as hypocritical as Scargill or Wedgewood-Benn. I appreciate that my politics are not entirely left-wing, as there is an element of self-first in my approach to life.
Possibly two of the greatest thinkers of the last century were Karl Marx and Charles Darwin. Regretfully however, I now think that Charles Darwin's theory of the"survival of the fittest" will prove more accurate than Karl Marx's hopes for a classless society where all are equal.
I do feel your publication, outspoken as it may be, certainly has been a great help to Tameside, although at times I think you have perhaps misjudged the odd character.
Yours sincerely,
WALTER D. ASHWORTH
(Wholesale and Retail Butcher)
Manse Cottage,
Matley Lane,
STALYBRIDGE.

WHY SILENCE ?

EYE EXCLUSIVE !!!
REPORTER to sack its WHITELANDS ROAD printers. Loads of jobs down the chute.
Last month, EYE informed readers of these impending redundancies. Odd though that the story was not picked up by the local Press.

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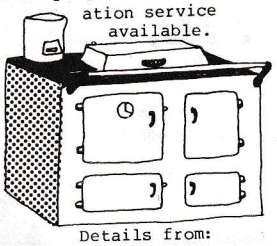

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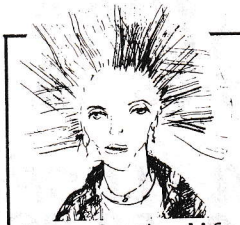

GIRO DREAMS

A day in the life of two unemployed teenagers pitting their day dreams against rock-hard reality. Masks, music, dance and a love-story.
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LAKER-ING

THE "ON PAPER" LOSS AT THE LAKES HEALTH AND FITNESS CENTRE IN DUKINFIELD IS OVER £80,000. THE CENTRE WENT BUST JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS, BUT THE DEBTS HAVE BEEN BUILDING UP FOR A LONG TIME.

JACK MEREDITH, one-time bobby and the owner of the crashed LAKES HEALTH AND FITNESS CENTRE, must have known the poor state of his firm's accounts long before it finally closed.

EYE has a copy of the "STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS" issued to all the firm's Creditors when it went bust. The firm owed the largest amount is CLEARSPAN LIMITED, an aluminium structures firm based in SADDLEWORTH.

They've been owed £7,000 since mid-1981. And had resorted to putting the matter in the hands of their Solicitor before the liquidation just before Xmas.

One family in ASHTON told the EYE that they had all joined in November last year - at a cost of £365. The firm closed when their subscription still had ten months to run, and it looks exceedingly likely that neither they nor a gloomy CLEARSPAN will recover any money.

Apart from the individual members many firms were left high and dry by the closure: including the INLAND REVENUE, JACK MEREDITH's firm owed £24,406 to them alone.

MEREDITH started the venture in 1980 when he purchased one of the two issued company shares, off GEORGE TANSEY. He then got a £20,000 loan off the TRUSTEES SAVINGS BANK to set up the keep-fit shop in the ex-hotel. Having invested about £27,000 in the set-up he opened in October 1980 and promptly made a loss in the first year - over £19,000.

In the 12 months to March 1982, the turnover was £46,000, but this was still inadequate to keep the firm afloat.

Now MEREDITH is trying to return the LAKES to the use it was put by his mother before him: a home for old people. During her time, MRS. MEREDITH fought long and hard against any attempts by SOCIAL SERVICES to register her home. But JACK MEREDITH has promised to abide by the DEPT.'s wishes. LAKER-style, it seems that another firm is going to carry on in exactly the same premises as the crashed FITNESS CENTRE.

** One of the Creditors is THE ADVERTISER, referred to scathingly by its rival THE REPORTER as an "Ashton 'freesheet'", who were owed £900. EYE fervently hopes that this does not put trainee Editor, BRYAN CHADDERTON, in any danger of losing his job.*

UPDATE

MARY and ARTHUR EVANS have been informed by the OMBUDSMAN, who investigates complaints against the COUNCIL, that he cannot look into their "Home Improvements" problems any further, as their "grievance would appear to lie primarily against your builder". The EVANS' case is one of several covered in recent issues of the EYE, concerning work carried out by the DENTON builder, DEREK GEE, and his firm TAMESIDE BUILDING SERVICES. The OMBUDSMAN's letter to the EVANS said he had "sympathy with your circumstances".

DEREK GEE meanwhile also feels badly done by and rang the EYE to tell us so. As always, he was offered space to state his point.

It would of course be a lot simpler if all those involved got together and sorted the problems out.

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SOUNDING OFF

The POLICE AND CRIMINAL EVIDENCE BILL is currently before Parliament. It proposes to give the police many new powers. This month's SOUNDING OFF asks whether increased powers will create a more effective and efficient Police force, or whether relationships between the Police and the TAMESIDE public will worsen as a result of the proposed new laws? Should policing be by consent or coercion?

The new Police Bill will give the Police unprecedented power to stop and search, set up road blocks, detain without charge, and confiscate evidence held by innocent third parties. Several of the measures were published for the first time in the Bill, so they have not been the subject of any prior consultation. In addition, many of the measures proposed by the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure have been amended, whilst the safeguards they suggested have been left out.

New Powers

*To stop and search anyone 'on reasonable suspicion.'
*New powers to arrest for <u>any</u> offence on certain grounds.
*To hold a suspected person for 48 hours without being allowed access to a solicitor or the courts.
*To hold suspected persons in custody for up to 96 hours.
*To set up road checks for up to 7 days.
*To take body samples and fingerprints, by force if necessart.
*To seize evidence of any offence whilst searching premises or cars.
*To search the premises of people <u>not</u> suspected of any offence.
*To search the premises of professional people who hold confidential information but are not themselves suspected of anything criminal.

Medical Records

Unless altered by the Commons, the new Bill would allow innocent people's medical records to be seized by the Police, without the consent of either the doctor or the patient. There is no guarantee that the records would be returned or destroyed after an investigation is over. Also intimate searches could take place without the person's consent. The Doctors'British Medical Assoc. has condemned this an un-ethical and is already instructing members not to co-operate in providing confidential medical information to the police.
This new power of seizure would also apply to journalists notes, social workers files and other documents held in confidence.

Habeas Corpus Ends

For centuries 'Habeas Corpus' has protected civil liberty by ensuring that no-one can be held in custody for more than 24 hours with out being charged and brought before a Court. The new Bill would enable a magistrate to issue a warrant detaining a suspect for up to 48 hours without even seeing the suspect.. During this time the Police would be able to deny the suspect access to a lawyer, which could lead to a false statement being given. The Royal Commission had suggested that the tape recording of interviews at Police stations should be introduced. The Bill has postponed this until 1986, despite the fact that the practice has been in operation in Scotland since May 1980. Confessions obtained in breach of the Police's own code of practice will also no longer automatically be inadmissable in evidence.

Stop and Search

The Police would be given the new power to stop and search for offensive weapons. But if a weapon was hidden, how would they know that it was being carried Obviously, the likelihood of more random searching is going to be greatly increased; commonly known as 'sus' it is a cause of much stress and tension, especially amongst the many young (un-employed) people stopped this way. If it is required, this power should only be available to officers in uniform.

Road Checks

Because of current abuses of the system, Superintendants will now be empowered to set up road checks. But in most forces, the senior officer is a Chief Superintendant: in a matter as serious as this, this officer alone should be given the right to set up road checks. The new Bill says road checks may be set up where an officer believes an offence is likely to be committed.

Complaints

Despite wide criticism of the curre ent method of dealing with complaints agains the Police, whereby they carry out their own investigations, the Bill's proposed alterations to complaints procedure do nothing to improve the situation. An excellent opportunity to create community liason panels in every Police Division has been missed, whilst Lord Scarman's suggestion - following the disturbances in Moss Side and elsewhere - that racism should be a disciplinary offence has been ignored. Police racism should be punishable by dismissal.

Set Back

The Bill sets back reform 20yrs. It increases the powers of the Police with no corresponding checks and in the long term police/public relationships will worsen. The Bill will result in a less efficient Police force which will not assist TAMESIDE at a time of increasing poverty and high unemployment.

MIKE CUSTANCE
County Councillor
Member ofthe Greater Manchester Police Authority

Readers Reply

Last month we sounded off against the terrible violence against women portrayed on video tapes available all over TAMESIDE.One EYE reader disagreed; this is what she had to say (name and address supplied):

*"I think people should be able to make their own mind up on whether to buy one of these videos. Kids will do what they want to do-you cannot stop them from getting sight of a tape. I've got a video machine myself, and I've rung <u>because</u> I'm a woman. After all, there's always been violence; it's just that it didn't get publicised before.
The Vikings didn't come over with videos strapped to their backs! I thought the article would frighten people..... I don't think you'll ever stop violence against women."*

NICE MOAN

When the smash-hit film "E.T." was released in TAMESIDE, it was retained for several weeks. The ROYAL at HYDE even suspended its cheap Monday night, usually aimed at the kids getting in, and raked even more loot in.
All of which contrasts sharply with an ADVERTISER item just before the release which cried "E.T. is no friend of local cinemas". This featured JOHN DOWNS, the boss of the METRO in ASHTON and the PALACE in STALYBRIDGE, moaning about the unfair competition from City Centre cinemas, who were always being allowed to run new films before those out in the provinces.
Nice moan, JOHN. Didn't half get you some cheap, free publicity though, didn't it?

HAS WHITELANDS MILL A FUTURE?

CHEMICA

STERLING MOULDINGS' controversial resin plant at WHITELANDS MILL, ASHTON could close in the next two months.
Operations are being wound down & stocks of potentially deadly chemicals such as PHENOL & FORMALDEHYDE are running low.
Small wonder then that residents of COCKBROOK have not complained of any UREA FORMALDEHYDE emissions recently.
But what will puzzle many residents is why the firm is closing after it went to so much trouble to concentrate its operations at WHITELANDS MILL.At one stage managing director Horace Fussell threatened Tameside Council with a £3 million law suit if it refused to grant planning permission for the site.
Permission was eventually granted & for his part, HORACE agreed to wind up operations at QUEEN MILL DUKINFIELD.

TRACK RECORD

STERLING'S track record is hardly unblemished. Harsher critics might even describe the firm as "accident prone".
*In October 1976 Castle Mill was evacuated for three hours after emmissions of poisonous & flammable fumes;
* The following year there was a massive spillage at Queen Mill & toxic fumes were released;
* A few months later pollution control officers found faults in some of the machinery at Queen Mill after reports of Phenol Formaldehyde emmisions;
* In 1978 Sterling were fined £400 after 400 gallons of deadly styrene monomer spilled into the Tame;
* In the same year there was a serious fire at Castle mill. Staff were evacuated.
In view of this history, it is interesting to note the firm's safety officer's views on the matter.

"FAIRLY HAPPY"

A Mr. WOODWARD told the Eye; " we don't use any particularly dangero chemicals and of course we have not had any explosions. We are fai happy with the safety measures we take at our factory & they have recently been checked by fire offices.

NASTY CHEMICA

FACT - Phenol is a particularly nasty chemical. If you spill so your hands you could die within hours. It is known to cause cance & small amounts can cause loss of appetite, headaches & vertigo. It it also highly explosive.
FACT - HORACE FUSSELL is on reco

TAMESIDE EYE'S COUNTRY PARK GUIDE

Leave the flower press, the field glasses and the bird spotting guide at home. Grab the kids, leap in the car, drive up to MOSSLEY and join the EYE's very own chemical trail.

Don't forget your jolly rambling gear. Experienced Health and Safety walkers reccommend: a padded white boiler suit; non corrosive rubber boots; face mask; goggles; Davey lamp; a manual of industrial chemistry and if the kiddies are particularly young, a portable oxygen tent.

Mossley

First point of interest is the elegant BOWER GRINDINGS factory. What the workers delicately grinding, not burning the rubber. Ten points if YOU can tell the difference.

Tip-toe past the CASCADE CHEMICAL COMPANY and press on ~~the~~ Staly-

Stalybridge

Is that DAVID ATTENBOROUGH peering through the undergrowth, BELLAMY perhaps? No, its our very own pollution control man, GEOFF KAUFMAN, up to his knees in effluent, checking for lethal emissions. 15 points if you spot MR. KAUFMAN on your travels.

Manro debris

Pause to marvel at the burned out ruin that was the MANRO factory.

The explosion was stunningly beautiful. Such a shame you missed it. 5 points for every piece of genuine MANRO debris that you find.

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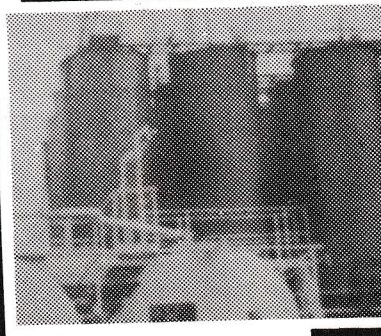

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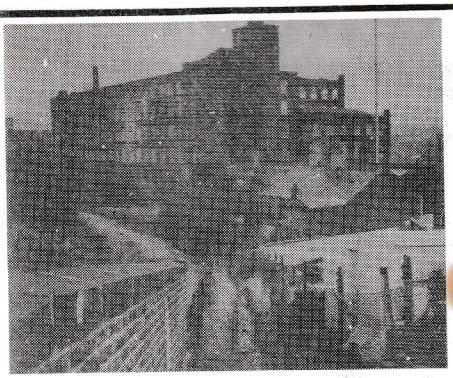

Whitelands Mill in Ashton, where in recent months, stocks of chemicals have been allowed to drop, which as added to the speculation that it is about to close.

as saying that the main constituent of UREA FORMALDEHYDE is paper. This is somewhat missleading. Paper is commonly used as a base for the chemical but the substance itself is both flammable & poisonous. In fact one of its main constituents is FORMALDEHYDE, which is highly explosive.
Woodward soothingly assured us that no chemical was safe if it was stored in large quantities but that so long as the proper safety precautions were followed there was nothing to worry about.
STERLING MOULDINGS are presently ownedby RIO TINTO ZINC, the British-based international mining group.

GERMAN TAKE-OVER?

But before local resident start to celebrate the demise ofSTERLING MOULDINGS it's as well to point out that the factory is bussing with rumours of a possible German take-over. If that does come to pass it might not be long before stocks are replenished & a "mysterious white dust" starts falling on COCKBROOK once again.

UREA FORMALDE-HYDE FOAM

It has been banned in the USA & Canada & by many councils in this country. But Tameside Council says it's okay.
Research scientists have argued that fumes from it can cause serious nerve disorders. They say that the very young & the elderly are most at risk.
And yet Tameside Council have approved it for their council houses and other building such as schools & old folks' homes.
it Is UREA FORMALDEHYDE FOAM, the cheapest available material for cavity wall insulation.
Research scientists point to four potential problems with UF foam;
* It is flammable & gives off poisonous fumes when burned;
* If the inner walls of your house are not air-tight the foam can decom decompose & give off fumes. These can cause vomiting, eye irritation &

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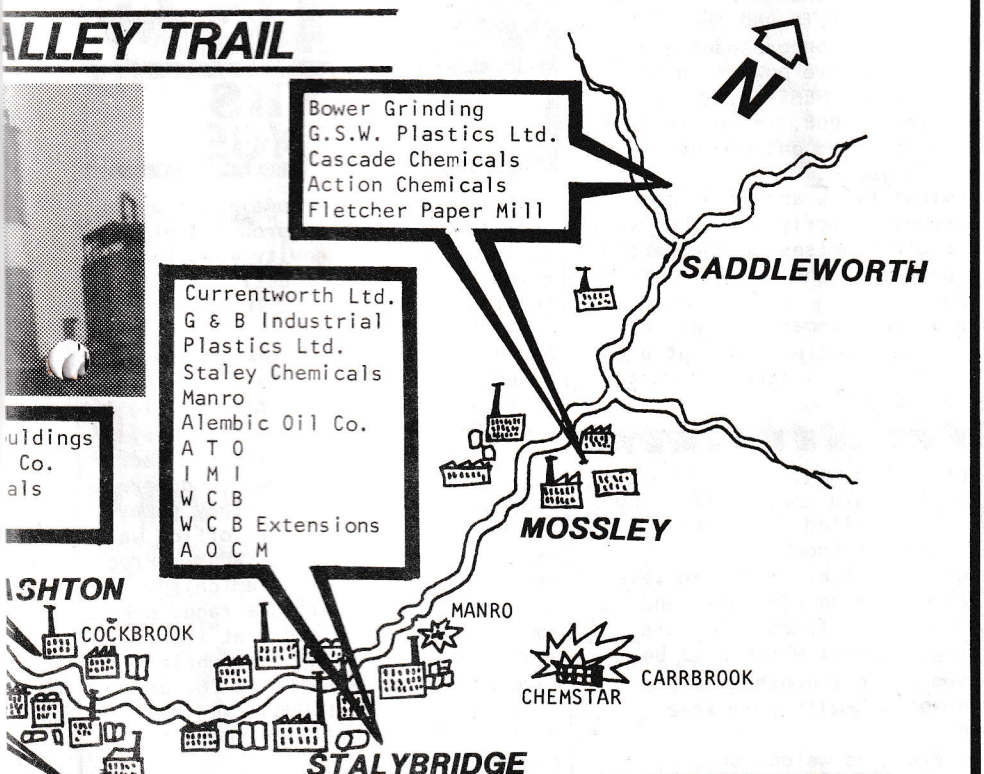

Look out for the WCB CONTAINERS factory where they have a strikingly

art nouveau tableau of petroleum storage tanks. You can't miss them - they're only a few yards from the road.

"Spot the Toxin!"

Play 'spot the toxin' with the kids outside AOCM, coyly described as 'processors of inflammable chemicals' See if you can guess what they've got behind the fence. Answers on a postcard to MR. G. KAUFMAN. He might be glad of your ideas.

Ashton

Stroll down to Ashton. Shed a brief

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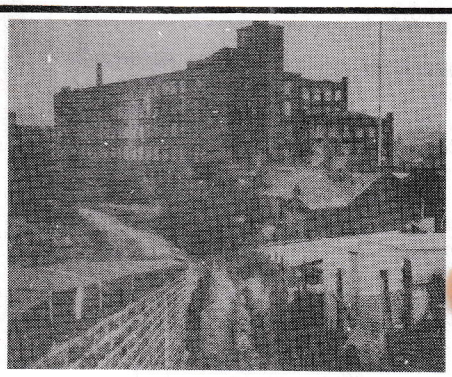
NASTY CHEMICAL

FACT - Phenol is a particularly nasty chemical. If you spill some on your hands you could die within hours. It is known to cause cancer & small amounts can cause loss of appetite, headaches & vertigo. It it also highly explosive.
FACT - HORACE FUSSELL is on record as saying that the main constituent of UREA FORMALDEHYDE is paper. This is somewhat missleading. Paper is commonly used as a base for the chemical but the substance itself is both flammable & poisonous. In fact one of its main constituents is FORMALDEHYDE, highly explosive Woodward soothin no chemical was stored in large so long as the p precautions were was nothing to w STERLING MOULDIN ownedby RIO TINT British-based in mining group.



Whitelands Mill in Ashton, where in recent months, stocks of chemicals have been allowed to drop, which as added to the speculation that it is about to close.

GER TAKE-

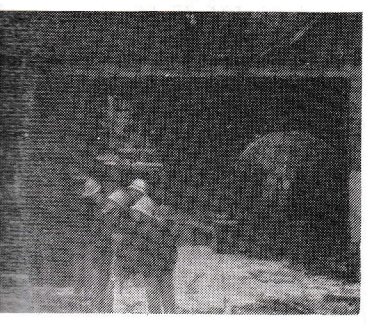
But before local to celebrate the MOULDINGS it's a out that the fact rumours of a poss over. If that doe it might not be are replenished dust" starts fall once again.

EYE'S RK GUIDE

No, its our very own n control man, GEOFF up to his knees in eff- hecking for lethal emiss- 15 points if you spot MR. on your travels.

Manro debris

marvel at the burned out t was the MANRO factory.



osion was stunningly beaut- uch a shame you missed it. for every piece of gen- RO debris that you find.

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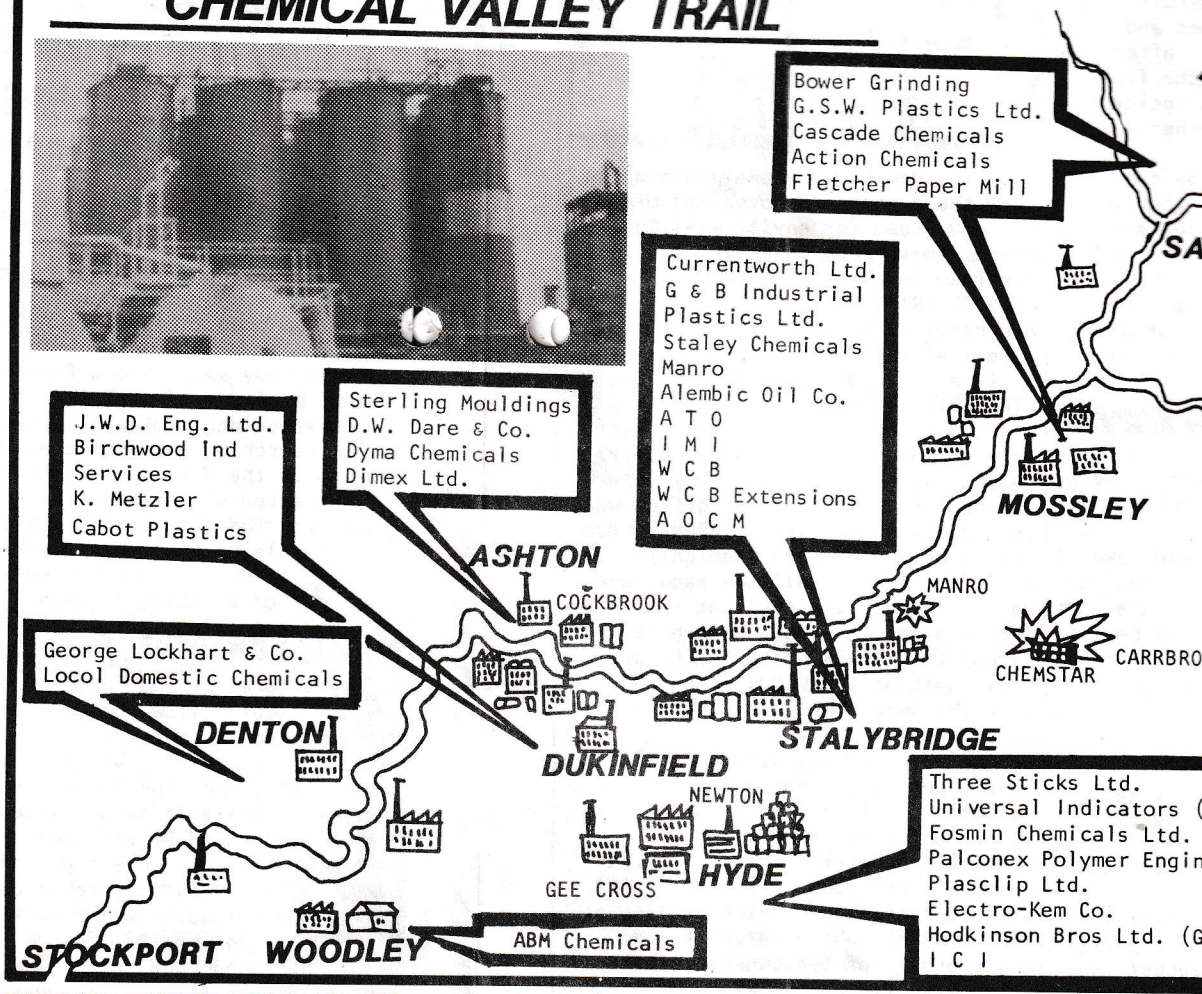
CHEMICAL VALLEY TRAIL



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SAFETY V SECRECY

If you think some jobs are tough, put yourself in GEOFF KAUFMAN's shoes, TAMESIDE's POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICER.

He has the unenviable task of trying to prevent poluution when often he has no idea what chemicals are stored at the factory in question.

Legislation in this area is laughably weak. Take the PLANNING ACTS, for example.

Virtually all of TAMESIDE's mills are now closed and a lot of new firms have moved in. But the problem for KAUFMAN is that once a building has been approved for general industrial use, processes involving all but the most dangerous chemicals can be used without further permission.

Then there's the HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK ACT of 1974. Section 5 reads: *" There is a duty to use the best practicable means for preventing the emission into the atmosphere from premises of noxious or offensive substances and for rendering harmless and inoffensive such substances as may be emitted."*

In other words, firms *only* have to use the "best practicable means"; they don't have to prevent leaks and escapes full stop.

New Government regulations have tried to tighten up on this by introducing a list of hazardous chemicals. If a firm stores more than a given quantity of one of those on the list, the HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE must be informed. The EXECUTIVE has less and less Enforcement staff to cover more and more firms (see EYE 41 for the figures).

But as existing firms and those set up in the next 6 months have been given 3 months in which to inform the EXECUTIVE about their hazardous chemicals, there is plenty of scope for juggling the amounts they store at any one time and so stay outside the Regulations.

The reason for the chemical firms' reluctance to tell MR. KAUFMAN (or a nearby resident, for that matter) *exactly* what they're using on their premises is that they don't want rivals to be able to work out how they are making their products.

Reasonable enough perhaps, until you remember that their cloak and dagger approach could make things tough for fire services if there was ever a fire. It's not easy to fight a blaze unless you know just what is burning, or about to go up.

There can be no doubt that the vast majority of firms stick rigidly to Government safety requirements. On the whole, they pose little threat to the environment and they can provide much-needed jobs. But it only takes one cowboy outfit to cause a major disaster - residents of CARRBROOK will be only too pleased to tell you.

Chemical plants are here to stay and their products are often of great benefit to us all. But we've now had two explosions in TAMESIDE at chemical works and we have a right to expect that it won't happen again.

Urgent changes in the PLANNING ACTS must be made so that the COUNCIL, who are in charge of all planning, can intervene if it is concerned about a proposed change of use. In addition, the HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE should be expanded and given more positive powers: after they prosecuted CHEMSTAR, the fine was less than £1000, in an incident where one man died and another was seriously injured.

And chemical firms should be compelled to reveal exactly what they've got on their premises or they are moving around on the roads in their vehicles.

Industrial and commercial secrecy is one thing; putting innocent and uninvolved people's lives at risk is quite another.

CHEMICAL VALLEY TRAIL CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

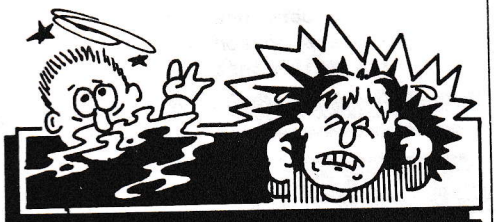
tear for the demise of STERLING MOULDINGS. No longer will'snow' fall on Cockbrook in the summer.

If you feel headachy and nauseaous you're getting the right idea. Phone GEORFF KAUFMAN and move on to Dukinfield.

Cool your aching feet in the raw sewage pipes that vomits into the river. Ignore the human excrement, don't be distracted by the bits of dismembered carcasses from the slaughter house. See if you can detect any notifiable chemical waste. Score 50 points if you do. Phone GEOFF KAUFMAN.

Are the kids vomiting, your eyes smarting, nose streaming, bowels beginning to move? then turn back now, you can have too much of a good thing There's plenty more to see and smell next time. Get a bus back to Mossley.

For further details on the Tame Valley Chemical Ramble, contact GEOFF KAUFMAN, pollution control, Tameside.



STINKS & BANGS

By coincidence, the same month as we show the dangers and problems of using UF Foam for cavity wall insulation, there's an investigation into the foam insulation at THISTLE CLOSE in STALYBRIDGE.

And needless to say, some of our own 'chemical valley' regulars have been at it again. AOCM, on TAME STREET, STALYBRIDGE, made a pong when they started up a new 'process'. In fact, they could do with a new - and more reassuring - sign whilst they're at it: hanging outside their office wall is a mucky board saying "AOCM - Processors of Inflammable Chemicals".

New processes are all the rage: one was introduced one night at ICI in HYDE and made a stink. Meanwhile, old favourites, BOWER GRINDING CO, are still wafting MICKLEHURST and MOSSLEY with the sweet smells of their rubber goods.

On the noise front, WCB CONTAINERS have a generator that makes a racket, but it's not loud enough for any legal action to be taken.

Finally it's worth noting that the COUNCIL's ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Officers are listening to night noises at DENTON BATHS: which raises the amusing prospect of the COUNCIL prosecuting itself.

U.F. FOAM CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

chest pains;

* The foam can become a conductor of rain from the exterior wall into your house, thus leading to dampness & destroying the whole purpose of having a cavity;
* It can also crack & shrink, providing ready made channels for water to move from outside to inside walls;

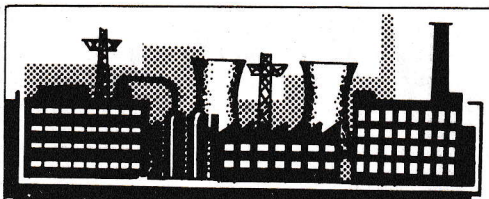
A leading Canadian scientist, DR. WILFRED HOOK has gone so far as to say that the foam can give off dangerour nerve gases that are potential killers for the elderly & the very young.

Mr WOODWARD, the safety officer for STERLING MOULDINGS, who works with the stuff every day, told the EYE "put it the way, there's no way that I'd have that stuff in my house, I've smelled the fumes & I don't want to know".

Tameside Council has recieved several complaints from people experiencing problems with UF fumes. They are preparing a report which will be discussed at next month's environmental health committee meeting.

A quite alarming weight of evidence is building up against the use of UF foam for cavity wall insulation. The American Congress recently discussed plans for helping people who had the foam to get it removed.

Let's hope that when councillors come to consider Tameside's report they remember that the cheapest is not always the best.



INDUSTRY

"WAGE CUT OR CLOSURE"

I.C.I. HYDE PRODUCTS LTD.

I.C.I., one of Hyde's biggest employers, have told their workers at Newton that they don't want to carry on paying their present wage-levels, telling them to either take a cut in pay, or to go on the dole. At mass meetings throughout the site, the senior managers told the workforce the bad news.

The factory has been at Hyde since the beginning of the century, and has always made plastic sheet products, starting with 'Rexine'. Currently it makes 'Vymura' wallcoverings, rigid PVC sheet such as 'Novolux', and PVC-coated cloth for the motor and furniture industries.

Deal with Marley

ICI have made a deal with Marley, who have a subsidiary company called Wallington-Weston at Frome in Somerset. This firm makes unsupported PVC sheet and has been making a loss recently, like ICI Hyde. Under the terms of this deal, ICI and Marley intend setting up an 'associate' company, i.e. one in which each of them holds a minority shareholding. This new company would be based at Hyde and would control the factories both there and at Frome.

This all sounds fine until you realise that ICI is demanding 'a significant reduction in salaries and wages', in order to make the place financially viable.

"A pistol to our heads"

Two years ago, ICI set up a wholly-owned subsidiary, ICI Hyde Products Ltd, to run the Hyde operations. At the time there was speculation as to whether it was the prelude to selling the place off at some time in the future. This, in effect, is what is happening, as ICI are relinquishing control (at least nominally) over Hyde. And they are saying that if the workers don't like it, they'll shut Hyde altogether. To quote one full-time union official, 'they are holding a pistol to our heads'.

Even nastier for the workforce, ICI said they would give only the minimum severance terms (plus money in lieu of notice) to people who are taken on by the new company. For many years now, the workers at Hyde have been expecting to get the much more generous ICI redundancy payments if they ever had to leave. Many long-serving employeeswere due to get £15,000 or more if they left, whereas the minimum terms ICI are now offering (if they stay on at the factory) is perhaps one-third of that amount. So some people may be forced to take the more generous ICI terms & be without a job, rather than get the smaller lump sum & keep working for a lower wage.

Early Retirement to stop

Particularly badly-hit is the group of people in their late forties, who hoped to take early retirement at 50. For the last few years, ICI Hyde has offered full pension to anyone over the age of 50 who leaves, as an incentive to get the numbers down. A lot of people took this route & are now getting full ICI pension. And many present employees expected to do the same when they reached fifty. But ICI now say this will cease when the new company comes into being; if anyone wishes then to take their pension at 50 they will not receive these preferential terms. Ironically, ICI's Paints Division headquarters at Slough (who have been controlling Hyde on ICI's behalf for several years) is just starting to offer early retirement at 50 on full pension. *watch out Slough! you maybe next!*

PVC market

ICI's aim seems to be to keep Hyde going, but at considerably reduced cost to themselves. ICI Hyde Products Lts. currently are probably ICI's biggest customers for PVC. The part of ICI that makes PVC is called Petrochemicals & Plastics Division, which itself was recently formed by joining two not-very-profitable divisions together. ICI intend to make this division look after its minority shareholding in the new company at Hyde (so that it will exercise some control over its own customer!). At the same time, with reduced wages & reduced numbers, ICI (& Marley) hope that the Hyde set-up will make enough money to at least cover its costs.

Marley apparently have a bad reputation in industrial relations. They are said to have slimmed down their Somerset subsidiary Wallington-Weston from about a thousand to 300 people in a very short time. Those who are left are on much lower wages than people at ICI Hyde. And Wallington-Weston expect to make most of their clerical workers compulsorily redundant.

Machines to move ?

According to the prestigious trade journal "Plastics and Rubber Weekly", two 'under-utilised units' are to be moved from Hyde to Frome once the new company starts trading. These are believed to be 'calenders', i.e. machines with giant rollers which squeeze the molten PVC into sheets. Most of Wallington-Weston's manufacturing makes use of calenders, & they need more of them because they have a full order book. But the trade journal says that Hyde's calender workers will be redeployed onto 'a major coating contract for the French automotive industry', rather than lose any more jobs because of the move.

Workers' reactions

The reactions of ICI Hyde's workforce to the overall proposals has ranged from outright hostility to sheer relief that the place is probably staying open. Years of gloomy talk from management have made many workers feel that the end has been nigh for a long time. To these people, any chance of keeping their jobs is a good thing. On the other hand, those who have ignored the gloomy utterances until now, are outraged that ICI are trying to sell off Hyde & its long-serving loyal employees, pushing them off the coveted ICI terms & conditions, & out into the cruel world outside.

KNOTTED!

DAVID KNOTT, one-time MANAGING DIRECTOR of PENNINE COMMERCIAL HOLDINGS - the firm that owns the CHEMSTAR site, has been given the push from his top dog job.

Since the CHEMSTAR disaster, TAMESIDE COUNCIL have had terrible difficulty negotiating with the site owners over sale of the site, to allow sensible development of the land to take place.

KNOTT's disappearance from the PENNINE Board coincided with quite an upheaval within the firm. It seems that, for PENNINE anyway, property dealing isn't as spectacularly profitable as it used to be.

KNOTT left in NOVEMBER 1982 and since then the "power" in the firm has been a SCOTTISH company called DUMGOYNE INVESTMENTS, about which EYE knows nothing. What is certain is that one of DUMGOYNE's DIRECTORS, TEMPLE DOUGLAS MITCHELL MELVILLE, is now firmly in the saddle.

IN COUNCIL

Spiers flying again

It seems DAVID SPIERS, the COUNCIL's CHIEF EXECUTIVE, is off to ZIMBABWE again. Not content with letting him run the last elections, he's been asked to spend the next three years setting up - wait for it - a system of local government for the now independent but struggling new country. So, whilst this startling prospect sinks in, consider what might happen in KING DAVID's absence...
According to the COUNCIL's so-called MANPOWER POLICY, the post should be left vacant, to save money: how embarrassing if they discover we didn't need a £25,000+ per year Supremo after all! But are they going to keep the job open for him, or is this a novel form of early retirement? A sort of "eternity" leave? Worse still, will they appoint a lesser mortal from the lower ranks to fill in temporarily, thereby putting many CHIEF OFFICERS' noses firmly out of joint?? Watch this space...

Mayor loses Battle

PHIL WARNE, who has been a DROYLSDEN Cllr. for at least a century, has finally been given the heave-ho. He will not be standing in next May's COUNCIL elections, despite the stunning excesses of his year as MAYOR.
PHIL lost the re-selection battle to BARRY HOLLAND by 5 votes, after much "tactical" voting, where people did not necessarily vote the way they felt in order that PHIL would not be subject to a humiliating defeat.

Barbara diverted ...

BARBARA CASTLE, EURO-MP extraordinary, goes out of her way to make herself unpopular. Recently she flew over from FRANKFURT to RINGWAY for half a week-end. But her plane was diverted to SPEKE in LIVERPOOL. Unperturbed, BARBARA ditched her meeting at the NATIONAL COMMUNITY TRANSPORT CONFERENCE in HATTERSLEY and went straight to her next appointment in ASHTON. Unfortunately, she forgot to tell this to the CONFERENCE ORGANISERS, COMMUNITY ROUTES, who had two people waiting to greet her back at RINGWAY.

... but won't scurry

Talking of BARBARA CASTLE, she also made herself unpopular at the recent local LABOUR POLICY CONFERENCE held in DENTON LABOUR CLUB. In her fiery style, BARBARA told the assembled party hacks that if they thought she was going to scurry round STRASBOURG and BRUSSELS getting EEC grants for LABOUR-Controlled TAMESIDE COUNCIL, they'd got another thing coming. The now pro-Europe BARBARA, it seems, is not prepared to butter up EEC bureaucrats so long as it is LABOUR policy to pull out of the COMMON MARKET.

Not Amused

Our Leader, ROY OLDHAM, is said to have been none too pleased about last month's EYE cartoon where E.T. lookalike, "ROY T", was depicted worrying over next year's rates rise. But EYE understands that MARGARET OLDHAM, ROY's wife found our little joke highly amusing. No doubt ROY will find his sense of humour when he reads the copy of the EYE to be found in the MEMBERS' LIBRARY in the Dustbin, which sits alongside such epics as MUNICIPAL JOURNAL...

Successful now

MARJORIE BENNETT will be standing for Labour in ASHTON No. 1 Ward at next May's elections. MARJ, who works for NUPE in their posh new KATHERINE ST. offices in ASHTON, has tried before but was squeezed out by Catholic opposition to her views on abortion and contraception.
This time she faced newcomer TERRY KENYON, a lecturer at OLDHAM COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY, who - unlike MARJ - did not live in the Ward. In some quarters her victory will be seen as helping to stem the current invasion of the Labour Party by trendies and middle-class intellectuals.

Moonfaker ?

JIM BOND, the self-appointed champion of HATTERSLEY Council Tenants, was nowhere to be seen at the last meeting of TAMESIDE COUNCIL.
Despite front page publicity in the HYDE Edition of the REPORTER saying he was going to totally disrupt it, chain himself to railings, and so on.
And in spite of this let-down, the REPORTER have now gone on to plug BOND's latest non-event, a kids football team he's supposed to be setting up.
It's interesting to note that BOND is represented by LABOUR COUNTY CLLR. HOWARD HATTON, of Solicitors LINDER MYERS, who acts on BOND's behalf against LABOUR-controlled MANCHESTER CITY and TAMESIDE COUNCILS. Funny world, isn't it?

YOUR RIGHTS

FAMILY INCOME SUPPLEMENT

Family Income Supplement (FIS) isn't perhaps one of the best known benefits available. Yet it can be highly useful, and (probably more important) is not awfully difficult to claim.

Simply, to be able to claim F.I.S. you need first to be either employed or self-employed with one dependant child or more. Second, although it doesn't matter whether you're a single parent or a couple, you have to be working 'full time' i.e. 30 hours a week (the husband) for a couple, 24 hours for a single parent. Finally, your family income, before tax and insurance is taken off, (though you can exclude child or one parent benefit, rate rebate etc.) must be less than £82.50, if you have one child, £91.50 if you have two, or if you have three or more, another £9 per child.

Half the difference

If you receive FIS, you will get half the difference between the totals above, and your present income, up to a limit of £21 for one child, with an extra £2 per week limit for each extra child (the limit for 4 children, therefore will be £27). So, if you earn £61.50 and have two children, you will receive £15 per week, (half the difference between £91.50 and £61.50).

There are two other points worth noting about FIS. First, the weekly payment you receive after your claim will be paid for 12 months, whether your income increases or decreases (though FIS is treated as income for Supplementary Benefit payments if you lose your job.)

Second, although your weekly payment may be small, FIS is well forth while claiming, as, if you get FIS you will be entitled to other benefits, such as free school meals, free prescriptions, free glasses etc. as of right whilst you may have to pay for them if you don't bother to claim.

You can get a form to apply for FIS. (FIS! It's called) from any Post Office, or Social Security Office, though if you're in doubt please seek advice.

★TAMESIDE EYE'S GREAT★ FUN and GAMES

WHAT'S ON IN AND AROUND TAMESIDE

DRAMA

THOMPSON ARMS Sackville St., Manchester
16th, 23rd 30th Feb 8pm
'What is this thing called performance'
Free
Infor P.A.T. 224 0020

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE
Lower Hardman St.
Salford.
23/24th Feb. 7.30pm
Womens Theatre Group
'Love and Dissent'
£1.50 (concess £1.25)

TAMESIDE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY, Ashton.
Wed 23rd Feb. lunchtime.
Theatre Totale in
'Movie Movie'
Contact College for more information,

GRANGE ARTS CENTRE
Rochdale rd, Oldham
624 8013
23rd - 26th Feb. 7.30pm
Theatre Workshop
'Chalkie'
£1.25 (pensioners/stu's 75p)

HORNIMAN THEATRE
School Lane, Didsbury
Fri 25th Feb. 7.30pm
Theatre Totale
(formerly 11th house theatre co.) present
'Movie Movie'
£1.50 (concess £1.25)

HAUGHTON GREEN YOUNG PEOPLES CENTRE
Lancaster Rd. Denton
27th Feb.
Gambolling Guizers mime and dance show.
50p from Tin Roof Theatre Haughton Green Young P/pls Centre.

GUIDE BRIDGE THREATRE
Audenshaw Rd. Audenshaw
330 8078
5 - 12th March 7.45pm
'Rookery Nook'
£1.10 (conc 35p Thur only)

Full brochure and tickets from:
Grass Roots, Newton Street;
North West Arts, Lloyd Street;
Venues or P.A.T., 3 Birch Polygon, M14 (S.A.E.).
Tel: 061-224 0020

RADIATOR

FEB 23/ 24th	Womens Theatre Group in "Love &Dissent" St John's College Lower Hardman St, (opp Granada TV) M/cr 3. 7.30pm £1.50 (£1.25)
16/ 19th &22/ 26th	I.O.U. Theatre - The Patience of Fossils, St George's Church Hulme, £2.30 (£1.70)
MARCH 3/ 5th	Jacky Lansley 'The Impersonators' Horniman Theatre, School Lane, Manchester 20. 7.30pm £2 (£1.50)
12th	British Events 'The Island' 8pm Birch Community Centre, Brighton Grove, Rusholme. £1.50 (£1.25)
12th	Dave Stephens 'Talks his way out of it' 10.30pm, Birch Community Centre, Rusholme £1.50 (£1.25)
17/ 18th	Blood Group 'Dirt' Edgar Wood Centre, Daisy Bank Rd, Rusholme M/cr 14 8.30pm £2 (£1.50)
26th	Glass Works 'Project' 8pm Birch Community Centre Rusholme £1.50 (£1.25)
31st	Theatre Noir 'Nihil' Midnight £2 (£1.50) Birch Community Centre Rusholme
16,23 30th	'What is this thing called performance, art' Free Thompsons Arms, Sackville St M/cr

HORNIMAN THEATRE
School Lane, M/cr 20
3 - 5th March 7.30
Jacky Lansley
'The Impersonators'
£2 (£1.50)
P.A.T. 224 0020

EGERTON PARK SCHOOL
Egerton St. Denton.
336 2039
4th March 7 pm
Pocket Theatre Co.
in 'Hard Times' by Charles Dickens.
£1. concess 75p.
Tickets from the school or Derek Marshall 330 7708 (evenings)

BIRCH COMMUNITY CENTRE
Brighton Grove, M3cr 20
12th March 8pm
British Events
'The Island'
£1.50 (£1.25)
P.A.T. 224 0020

WEST END COMMUNITY CENTRE
John St., Ashton.
Saturday 12th March 7.30pm
Flossie Jolliknickers in 'Canterbury Tales' 75p (unwaged 50p) Tickets from the Centre 339 2728
An out-of-work panto dame performs Chaucer. To the initiated she promises new insights, to the curious, new curiosities & to the virginal, an introduction to the Canterbury Tales they will never forget!

Octopus

TAMESIDE THEATRE
Oldham Rd., Ashton.
14th - 19th March
'Guys and Dolls' by Ashton Operatic Soc.
info from theatre or 29 Gravel Bank Rd., Woodley, Stockport.

BIRCH COMMUNITY CENTRE
Brighton Gr. M/cr
12th March 10.30pm
Dave Stephens
'Talks his way out of it'
£1.50 (£1.25 conc)

TAMESIDE COMMUNITY THEATRE.

"GIRO DREAMS" - you've cashed the Giro! Now see the play.
Performed by Tameside Community Theatre.
MARCH TOUR DETAILS.
15th March at 7.30pm
Gorton Workshop, St. George's Church Hall, Abbey Hey Lane, Gorton.
17th March. at 7.30pm
Hattersley Youth Club
Hattersley Community Centre, Hattersley Rd.E.
22nd March at 7.30pm
Tameside Coll of Tech.
Beaufort Rd., Ashton .
25th March at 8pm
Denton Youth and Comm. Centre, Prestwich St., Denton.
2nd April, at 7.39pm
West End Community Cen.
John St. Ashton.
Further details.
Mike Rooke, Tameside College, 330 6911

EDGAR WOOD CENTRE
Daisy Bank Rd.,
Rusholme M/Cr.14
17/18th March 8pm
Blood Group 'Dirt'
£2. (£1.50)
P.A.T. 224 0020

GEORGE LAWTON HALL
Mossley, Friday 18th March 7.30pm
OCTOPUS present
Comique Cabaret in
'The Channel 5 Tour'
£1 from hall.

26th March 8pm
Glass Works 'Project'
£1.50 (£1.25)
PA.T. 224 0020

Thur 31st March
Theatre Noir
'Nikil' Midnight
£2 (£1.50)
P.A.T. 224 0020

SPORT

FIXTURE LIST FOR LOCAL FOOTBALL CLUBS MARCH '83.

MOSSLEY
5th Macclesfield H
12th Goole A
19th Netherfield H
26th S.Liverpool A

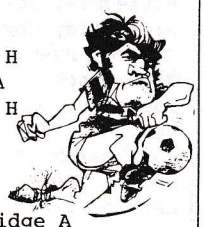
HYDE
5th Tamworth A
12th Morecambe H
19th Witton H
26th Gainsborough A

CELTIC
5th Leek A
12th Curzon H
19th St. Helens A
26th Lancaster H

ASHTON
5th Horwich A
12th Darwen H
19th Congleton H
26th Penrith A

DROYLSDEN
5th Chadderton H
12th. Padiham A
19th New Mills H
26th Lytham A

GLOSSOP
5th Nantwich H
12th Formby A
19th Leyland H
26th Rhyl A



CURZON
5th Rhyl H
12th Stalybridge A
19th Bootle H
26th Accrington A

TAMESIDE AM.RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB
5th Drighlington H
12th Keighley Albion A
19th New Hey "A" H
26th Sowerby (Halifax)A

Kick off 2.30pm at Lees Park, Droylsden

The IOU Theatres production of "Walk a Deadly dog!! Their latest production is described in the advertusement below.

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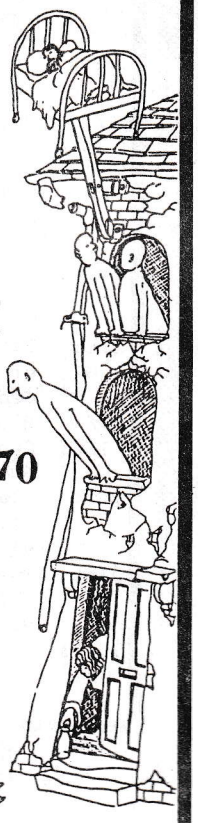

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COURSES

Glossop Centre,
Talbot St., Glossop
Wednesdays 10 am

16th Feb. Intro to workers co-ops with a video and a speaker from a co-op.

23rd Feb. Setting up in business. A speaker from the Action Resource Centre.

2nd Mar. A member of the Manchester Free Press on how their co-op started.

9th Mar. How to draw up a business plan.

16th Mar A video and discussion about some successful co-ops in Spain.

23rd Mar. Different types of co-ops and their legal constitutions.

Free Childrens playroom.

YEW TREE ELDERLY PERSONS HOME, Yew Tree Lane, Dukinfield,
Thursday 7 - 9pm

Women and Health course. Cost 30p.

24th Feb. Food & Nutrition

3rd March. The Menopause

10th Mar. Coping with problems, helping yourself and your friends.

17th Mar. Being a mother and staying sane.

COURSES
Monday 28th Mar.
Roland Miller and Shirley Cameron will lead workshops during first week of April intro meeting Mon 28th March details 224 0020

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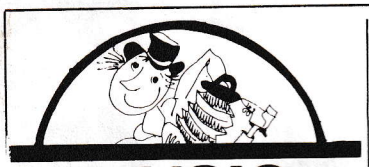

MUSIC

HURST COMMUNITY CENTRE
Thur - Sat 24th-26th Feb.
'Out for a Laugh'
A musical revue by Hurst Centre Players. Tickets and info ring 330 8083

DOG & PARTRIDGE
Brook St., Ashton
Fri 25th Feb. 8.30pm
Stand and Deliver present Guest writer Michelene Wandor 50p. More info from Libraries and Arts Dept., Tameside.

STAND AND DELIVER
Dog & Partridge
Brook St., Ashton.
Friday 11 March 7.30pm
[illegible] Pier Boys
70p at the door.

STAND AND DELIVER
Dog & Partridge, Brook St. Ashton. Friday 25th March 8.30pm
PROPER LITTLE MADAMS
Tickets 70p.

HATTERSLEY COMMUNITY CEN.
Hattersley Rd.East, Hattersley 368 8513.
Tues 22nd March 7.30pm.
PROPER LITTLE MADAMS
Three talented women who sing in close harmoney about what it's like to be female in the 1980's. Sharp wit and a great sense of humour, pack in the audiences whenever they perform in the N. West. Tickets 75p (un - [illegible]ged 50p) from the Centre.

CLASSICAL

ASTLEY CHEETHAM ART GALL.
Trinity St. Stalybridge.
338 3831. Wed 23rd Feb.
7.30pm.
The Telemann Ensemble play music by Bach, Vivaldi, and Telemann. £2.
(concess £1) tickets from Stalybridge library.

GUIDE BRIDGE THEATRE
Audenshaw Rd. Audenshaw.
Sat 26th Feb. 7.30pm
A musical evening with the Ryecroft Vocal Soc.
£1 (concess 75p).
For more info ring 338 4124 or ask at any Library.

ALBION CHAPEL (Memorial Chapel), Stamford St. East, Ashton.
Mon 7th March 7.30pm
Grizedale Wind Quintet play music by Reicha, Neilsen, Lewin & Arnold.
£1.50 and £1.35. More info ring 330 7708
(evgs) Tameside Music Society.

ROCK

CONCORD SUITE,
Droylsden
Pop and Rock Night every Friday.

DRIFTERS
Sandy Lane,
Dukinfield
Live Bands most Wednesdays.

SPREAD EAGLE
Stamford Street,
A-U-L
Heavy Rock.

GEORGE HOTEL
Stamford Rd.,
Mossley
Local Bands.

THE FLAT CAP
John Kennedy Rd.,
Hattersley
Live Bands Sunday Nights.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL
Melbourne Street,
Stalybridge
Heavy Rock, mainly at weekends.

THE ROSE AND CROWN
High St West,
Glossop
All types of Live Music.

FOLK

THE STATION BUFFET
Platform 1
Stalybridge Train Station
Every Sat. Folk Night
Local Artists.
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ROSE AND CROWN
Stalybridge
Every Fri and Sun 9pm

THE CROSS KEYS
Uppermill.
Every Weds. evening 8.30pm.
Singers club
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Greenfield& Uppermill Labour Party

FOLK NIGHT

Leon Rossleson
Stanley Accrington

In the CIVIC HALL, UPPERMILL.

SATURDAY 5th MARCH
8 p.m. - 12 p.m.
ADMISSION £1.50

Ring SADDLEWORTH 6352 for further details

JAZZ

OLDHAM MUSIC
GRANGE ARTS CENTRE
Rochdale Rd., Oldham.
624 8013
Sunday 20th Feb. 7.30pm
Mister Acker Bilk and his Paramount Jazz Band.
£3 (pensioners/students £2.50)
THE CORPORATION
Penny Meadow
A-U-L
Local artistes
BIRCH HALL
Lees,
Oldham
National and Local Artistes
THE SYCAMORE
Stamford Street
A-U-L
Local artistes.

ACTION

HYDE AGAINS T THE MISSILES
WEEK OF ACTION
Mon March 21st - Sat Mar 25.
MON 21st Film 'The Peace Game' and speaker, 8p.m. Denton Labour Club, Ashton Road.

Tue.22nd Film 'The Peace Game' and speaker, 8pm Dukinfield Lesser Town Hall

Weds.23rd Debate. 'The Soviet Union, Red threat or red herring,' featuring a speaker in favour of deterrence, a pacifist, and a proponent of peoples militias.
8 - 9.30pm Hyde Town Hall.

Thur.24th Launch meeting for Denton Youth Against the Missiles, including a showing of the TV documentary 'A viewers guide to Armageddon' 8pm Denton Youth Club, Prestwich St.

Fri 25th Film 'The Peace Game' and speaker 8pm Crown Hotel, Market St. Hyde.

Sat 26th Citywide Activists Conference, Direct Action II, Central Methodist Hall, Crook St., Hyde. 1pm - 5pm
ALL WEEK

Exhibition in Hyde Library
For further details contact Christine Parket 368 6869

17th Feb Mike & Sarah Lucas talk about the travels of Mikron Theatre Co at the Cross Keys, Uppermill 8pm

19/20th Feb Weekend working party on the Uppermill restoration project, Contact G. Maskell on Moss. 3992 for details & accomodation.

HUDDERSFIELD CANAL SOCIETY

23rd Feb Open forum on the Uppermill Restoration project chaired by G. Maskell, working party organiser, at the Diggle Hotel, Diggle at 7.45.

9th Mar. Business meeting at the King William IV Greenfield 8pm.

13th March Towpath walk starting at the Museum car park Uppermill at 10.30am (to Diggle and back)

17th March Chris Potter will show some 'Old Waterways' films at the Cross Keys, Uppermill 8pm

19/20 March Weekend working party at Uppermill, contact G. Maskell on Mossley 3992 for details.

23rd March Open Forum on Tunnel End Cottages/the canal in Colne Valley to be chaired by T. Ellis and K. Gibson at Diggle Hotel 7.45pm

EXHIBITIONS

DUKINFIELD LIBRARY GALL.
Town Lane, Dukinfield
11 Feb - 5th March.
Open library hours
Stalybridge Photographic Soc. Exhib. Free.
Further details from library.

HYDE LIBRARY EXHIB.ROOM
4-5 March Open Library hours. 'Castles' exhibition. Free.
Further details from the library.

HAUGHTON GREEN YOUNG PEOPLES CENTRE. Lancaster Rd., Denton. 14-28 Feb.
'The Good Ones' - a photographic exhib. on the culture of the school.

ASTLEY CHEETHAM ART GALL.
Trinity St. Stalybridge.
15 Feb - 12 March.
Open Tue-Fri 1pm - 8pm
Sat 9am - 4pm
'Viewpoints' - landscape in contemporary art, Free info from any library.

FOYER: TAMESIDE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY, Beaufort Rd., Ashton.
14 - 28 Feb.
'Beyond the Family Album' Photographs by Jo Spence details from the college.

FOYER: TAMESIDE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY, Beaufort Rd Ashton.
1 - 16 March.
'Workforce' photographs by Andrew Bethel. Further info from college.

WEST END LIBRARY
Ashton. 3 Feb - 3 March
Open library hours.
Victorian Sheet music exhib. Free. Details from any library.

Droylsden Library
17th - 31st March
Library hours.
'Workforce'
photographs by Andrew Bethel. Free

MOSSLEY LIBRARY
2nd March - 2nd April
Micklehurst Photographic Soc. Exhibition Free.
Details from any library

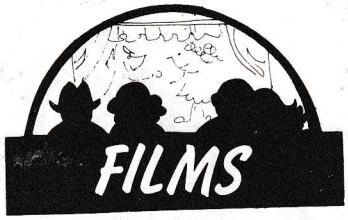
ASTLEY CHEETHAM ART GALL.
Trinity St., Stalybridge.
15th March - 9th April.
Tue - Fri 1pm - 8pm
Sat 9am - 4pm
Paintings by Gertrude Halsband

MOSSLEY LIBRARY
Until 26th Feb, open Library hours.
STAMFORD SCHOOL Golden Jubilee Exhibition.
Free. Further info from library.

STALYBRIDGE LIBRARY
Trinity Street
7 - 31st March
'Whats in Store - local history on record' by local studies library
Open library hours.
Free 338 2708

DUKINFIELD LIBRARY GALLERY
Town Lane, Dukinfield.
11 March - 9 April.
Open library hours.
Painting by the I.C.I. Art Group. Free.
Details from any library

THE ROYAL EXCHANGE M/CR
8th Feb - 3rd Mar.
Silk Screen prints by John Adshead.
Free.
Further info contact.
Claire Burrington. or
Christine Bola. 833 9333



FILMS

BROADBOTTOM COMMUNITY CEN.
14th March
Broadbottom Film Club
'Brief Encounter' 1946 starring Celia Johnson & Trevor Howard.
Further Info. Lois Miles
Mottram 6371

MILLGATE CENTRE, DELPH
8th March
Saddleworth Film Soc.
'Bad Timing'
Further info. S. Haslam
2 Oldham Rd., Delph

AABEN CINEMAS Jackson Cres., Hulme, M/cr.
226 1153
Feb 17 for 14 days 'A Good Marriage'
Feb 24 for 7 days 'Angel'
Feb 24 for 7 days 'The loveless and the Crazies'
Check with cinema for further info.

Local Cinemas in the Tameside area are:-

PALACE
Market st. Stalybridge
061 338 2156

METRO
Old Street, Ashton
061 33 1993

THEATRE ROYAL

STUDIOS ONE & TWO
Corporation St, Hyde
061 368 2206

APOLOGY

We are sorry but due to an error, we listed the film "Roy T" in our Whats On Guide last month. This film has not been shown at any local Cinemma's, and so we apologise for any inconvenience.

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FRIDAY NIGHTS
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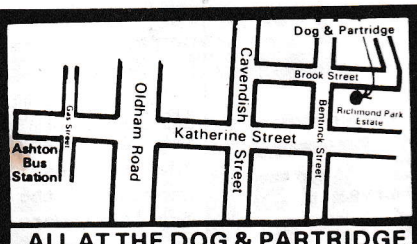

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